

Coming up ...	
1 st Sep	Women's Event - "Awakening to Spring"
16 th Sep	AGM



Church Office Hours: 9am - 12noon, Mon - Fri (excluding public holidays).

'Prayer Chain' – Urgent matters for confidential prayer support, can be referred to the Prayer Chain Group. Contact Joy McHardy or Val Judd.

Tuesday 'Prayer For the Nation'- Still meeting from 11am–12noon in Church Prayer Room. For more info contact Janet Burgess.

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study – Still meeting at 1.30pm in the Church House. For more info contact Maureen Wilson.

Wednesday 'Mens Breakfast'- Not meeting until further notice. For more info contact Paul Cosson.

Thursday 'Womens Breakfast'- Still meeting at 7am in the Church House. For more info contact Amanda Lewis.

Women's 'Growth Group' – Meets fortnightly on a Thursday, 1pm–2.30pm, in the Church House. For more info contact Nicola Hawkins.

Friday 'Revival Prayer'– Starts 6.30pm and will be held at Elaine's place until further notice. For more info contact Elaine Oates.

Covid 19 – Level Two

Level 2 means that we can continue to meet in groups of 100 or less, but we need to contact trace and keep 1 metre apart. Please use sanitiser on your hands as you enter the building and make sure you sign in – either manually or with the Covid 19 Tracer App. The Q-Code is on the doors.



TOKO WORK PARTY!! – Saturday & Sunday 19th-20th September.

Volleyball, surfing, pizza, and of course - some work! An awesome time to be outside and put in some labour for our super-generous 40 HR Famine sponsors. They always spoil us rotten and we laugh lots and play lots and eat lots too. Let Kate know if you're interested in coming - you do not need to have done the Famine. 😊

	Today	Next Sunday 6 th September
Greeters	M Raitaukala, M Wilson	B & A Hall
Explorers Crèche	R Theobald, E Holwill	A Lawton
Matrix	N Hawkins	P & D Viljoen
Ministry Team	J McHardy	E Oates
Cups of Tea	B Corlett, J Dyas, D McLean	E & B Bowis, A Alder
Flowers	A Lewis	D Dobbie
AV & Sound	D Russell / P Walker	J Russell / P Walker
Counters	Duty Elder	A Radcliffe



Sunday 30th August 2020

Two Services Today – 9am and 10.30am

The Referendums
Christian Perspectives on Key Issues

Preaching: James Carstens & Nona Aston

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All Kids Programmes are operating during the 10.30am Service only.

'Explorers' creche is operating and available for 1-4 years.

'Kidzspace' Primary age children go out at message time.

'Matrix 789's' are to go out at message time.

Paula writes:

Today is a day of celebrations. We celebrate Val Hawkins turning 90!!! And Rodney and Val Judd celebrating 60 years of marriage. What amazing milestones. We honour you and celebrate with you. Thank you for being faithful Jesus followers and examples, and for all you are to this church family.

In uncertain times, it is good to still have things to celebrate even if we have to find creative ways of doing so. Many of us have had significant gatherings and events cancelled or postponed, yet we find ways to stay connected, and celebrate. I was part of a significant prayer gathering this last week with others from another region, even though I could only “zoom” in. Let’s continue to pray for wisdom for our leaders, inspiration for those in the Health fields developing vaccines and solutions, and for those hot spots in the world where the Virus is taking lives.

This week we take another look at the referendum issues coming up in the election: The End of Life Choice referendum and the Cannabis Legislation and Control Referendum. A month ago I spoke on the first one, aiming to give a biblical mandate for the sanctity of life, challenging the assumption that we have right to die, affirming the value of good palliative care which doesn’t mean

What would be the effects for our society and culture of legalising Euthanasia?

THE FINAL CHOICE
End of Life: Suffering or Assisted Death? The Answer?
CARALISE TRAVES

“Most Kiwis aren’t aware that the end of life choice act is not a concept they’ll be voting for, but specific, unmovable legislation. And if we make a mistake, death is a heavy penalty” — Caralise Traves

CHOOSE life

prolonging life at all costs, and mentioning some of the huge risks and societal effect if we were to legalise euthanasia, especially on the vulnerable and disabled in our community, those who perhaps need the most care. The Cannabis referendum also contains huge dangers. A good website for further information is: <https://www.familyfirst.org.nz/2020/08/cannabis-referendum-this-is-about-recreational-use-not-medicinal-treatment/>

Marijuana use has terrible effects on mental health, physical health (affecting the lungs like smoking), brain function, and it is a gateway drug. Yes, there are some medicinal uses – but these are already available. This legislation is incredibly dangerous.

Today, to address these two issues I have invited James Carstens and Nona Aston, both as experts in their fields, to answer some questions around the two referendums. My hope and prayer is that each of us would take significant care in how we vote on these issues and also take opportunities to respectfully engage in as many conversations as possible before the election.

The good news in all of this is that our confidence is in God, the Maker of heaven and earth. And although our country faces many challenges, we are called to respectfully fight for justice and truth and do all we can to be agents of good news and life.

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him.”
(Romans: 15:13)

Blessings, Paula

Awakening To Spring – 7pm-9pm, Tuesday 1st September.
Invitation to a Women’s Event at Mangapapa Church. Please bring a small plate for supper (if able). Friends welcome.



Rodney & Valerie Judd
who celebrated their **60th**
Wedding Anniversary on
Thursday!

Val Hawkins
who celebrated her **90th**
birthday on Saturday!

Still Needed: Chairs for a dining table and 2 x Chest of drawers – for a single mum moving into a house on 8th September. If you have any of these items that you are willing to donate, please contact the office.

Myanmar Coffee - Thanks for the great response for your coffee orders through Circuit International. Every bag of coffee you buy gives a percentage of the bag to Circuit. Ripe Coffee Shop, who do the roasting, give a monthly donation to CI. Additionally the farmer in Myanmar is part of Circuit's network, and every bag he sells provides



more opportunity for Circuit to do their work in Opium replacement over there. The Coffee project is on hold right now because of Covid. Orders can be placed on the form at church. Ground or beans \$11 /200g bag.